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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MILITARY DRAFT FOR BLACKS

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1. PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY THAT THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED
LAST WEEK THE EXTENSION OF CONSCRIPTION AS OF JULY 1 TO BLACK
DOCTORS AND APPRENTICES. REPORTEDLY THERE WAS AN IMMEDIATE
PROTEST FROM A GROUP OF BLACK DOCTORS WHO SAID THEY WOULD
ABANDON THEIR PRACTICES. ANOTHER GROUP OF BLACK ENGINEERING
APPRENTICES WROTE A LETTER TO THE CO-MINISTER OF MANPOWER,
ROWAN CRONJE, SAYING THEY WOULD GO TO JAIL RATHER THAN
SERVE IN THE ARMY. THE LETTER SAID "WE REFUSE TO GO INTO
THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL SERVICE BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST OUR
INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THE MASSES."

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THEY CALLED THE DRAFT DISCRIMINATORY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, BLACKS ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS
MAKE UP OVER HALF OF THE ARMED FORCES. BLACK CON-
SCRIPTION, HOWEVER, HAS JUST STARTED AND THIS GROUP
WILL BE THE FIRST TO GO IN UNDER THE NEW DRAFT. ORIGINALLY,
THE BLACK APPRENTICES WERE NOT TO BE CALLED UP UNTIL

JANUARY (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: THIS MOVE HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR
OVER TWO YEARS BUT HAS BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF STRONG
BLACK PROTEST, INCLUDING UNPRECEDENTED
DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS IN JULY, 1976. THE REPORTED
REACTIONS OF THE DOCTORS AND ENGINEERING APPRENTICES
MAY PRESAGE A LARGER PROTEST AS THERE ARE REPORTEDLY EVEN
STRONGER FEELINGS NOW, PARTICULARLY AMONGST THE STUDENT
POPULATION. THE RESPONSE IS VERY LIKELY AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE
BLACKS WHO HAVE JOINED SMITH IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS IT TENDS
TO IMPLY A REJECTION OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.
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